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Dear Bid,

Thanks for your letter of the 24th. I fear that because of Mac's friendship with Burke Marshall what I have learned since last I wrote you would only embarrass him. I can give you a hint if I tell you he'd have done better to grab from a bag. He did not know Lattimer, who is proud that he, in turn, did not know (read such awful liberals) either Marshall or any Kennedy. The guy appears to get the given word straight from Belmont, Mass.

Prior to receiving a copy of the Palo Alto, Calif., Times of 1/9/72 I had heard that some government agency hired the Rand Corp. to make a study of the J.F.K. assassination. Reporting a death threat against Daniel Ellsburg who spoke at Stanford the night before as the guest of a faculty group, that issue has a paragraph reading, "The Rand Corp., Ruse said, has completed a study of the assassination of John F. Kennedy which should be made public."

I'd like to find out more about this. Can you give me any advice? Where to start, who to ask, etc? If the government did pay for this kind of thing, I wonder about the propriety, if not the legality.

Have you had a chance to learn which of the groups interested in noise pollution seem to be most responsible or whether there is anyone in another Senate office who is interested in this particular ecological problem?

Best wishes,

Harold Weisberg